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# **USEPA Reporting Requirements**

Report to the Planning Committee of the  
Environmental Council of States

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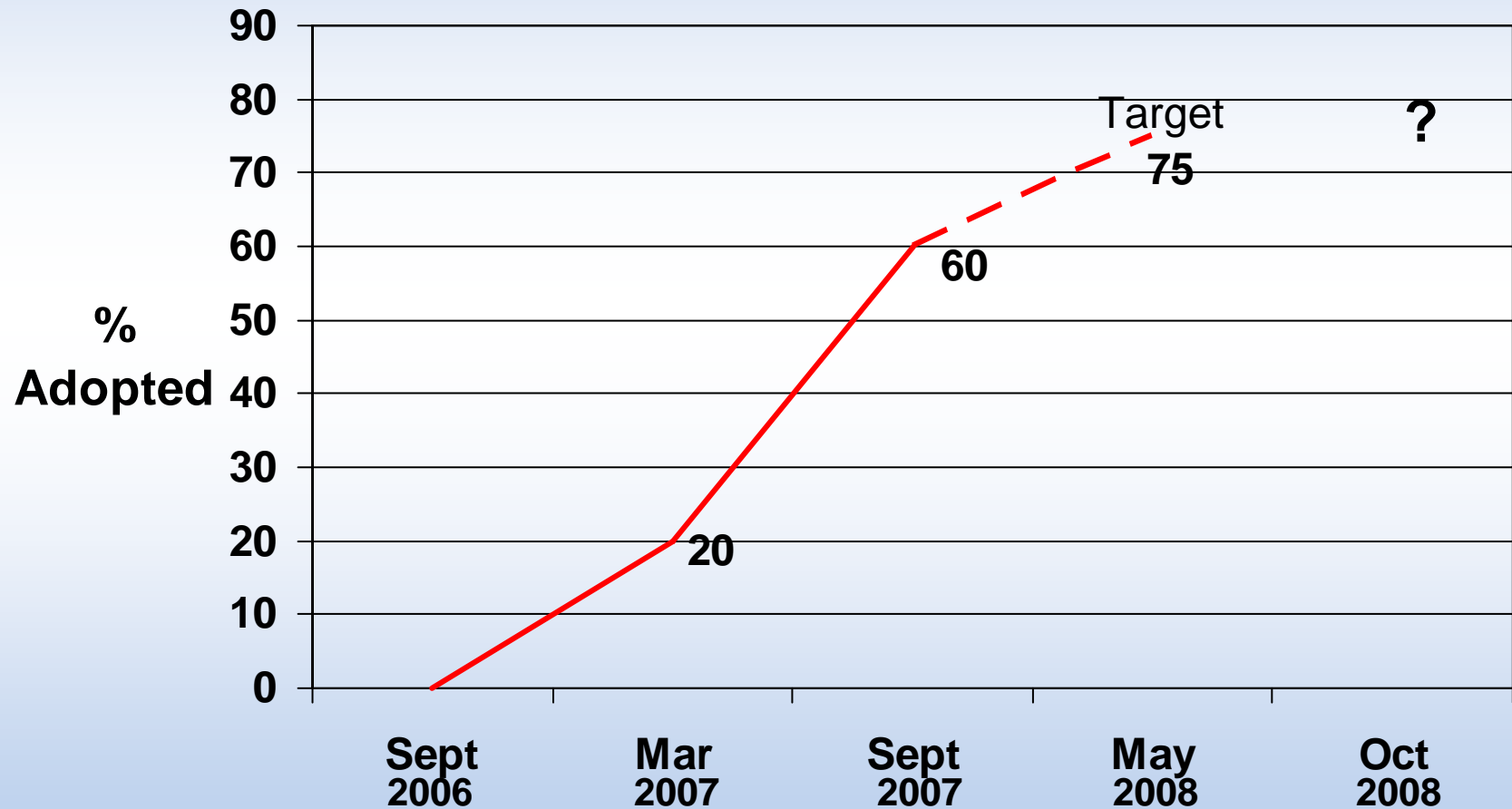
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# ***Status of Three Projects***

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- State reporting burden reduction
- Strengthening performance measurement for State grants (aka the OMB State Grant Performance Measures Template)
- Ensuring the timely award of State grant funds

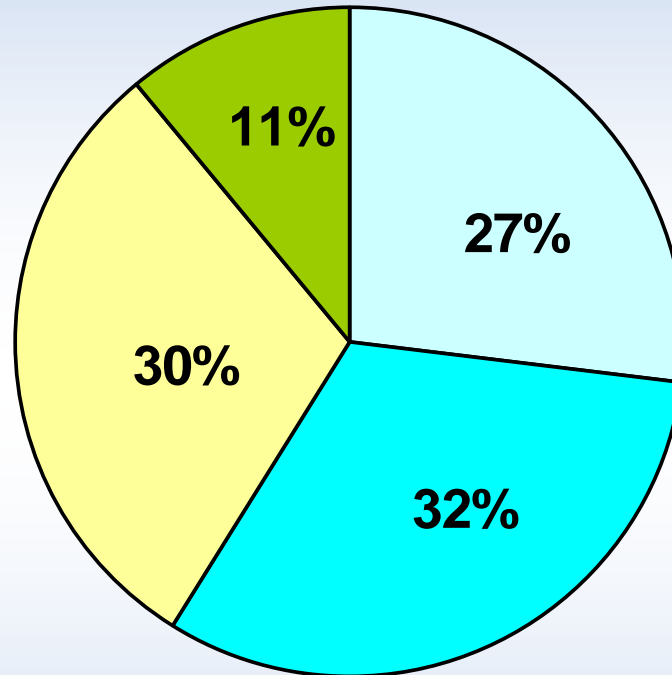
# ***Reporting Burden Reduction Recommendations Adopted by EPA\**** (239 proposed)



*\*Will be implemented by the end of FY08.*

# ***Overall Implementation Status***

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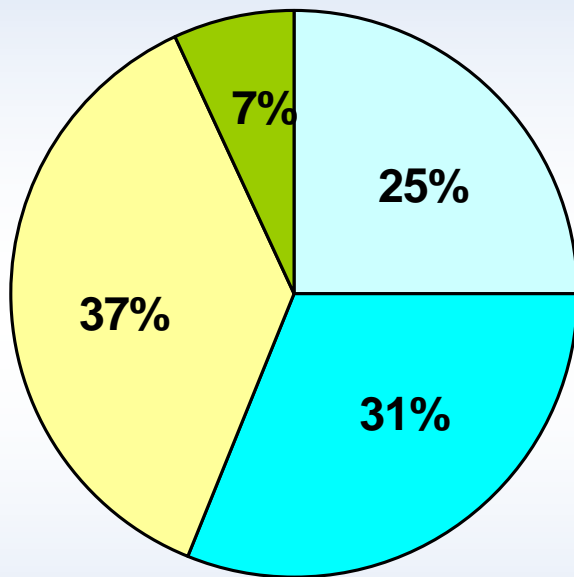


Implemented
Will be implemented in 2008
Senior leadership discussion needed
More information needed

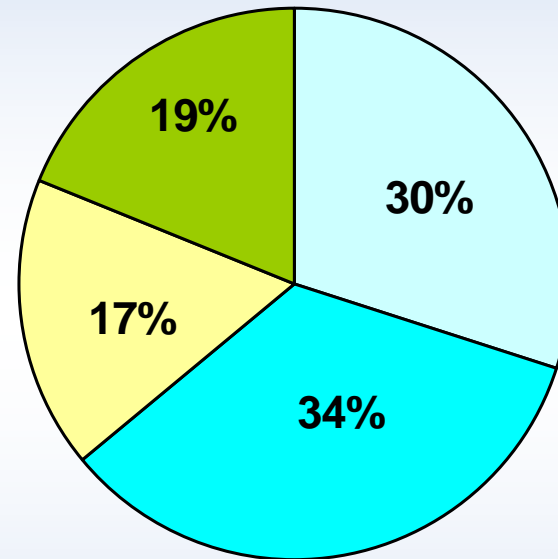
# ***Both HQ and Regional Offices are Contributing to Success***

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**Headquarters (152)**

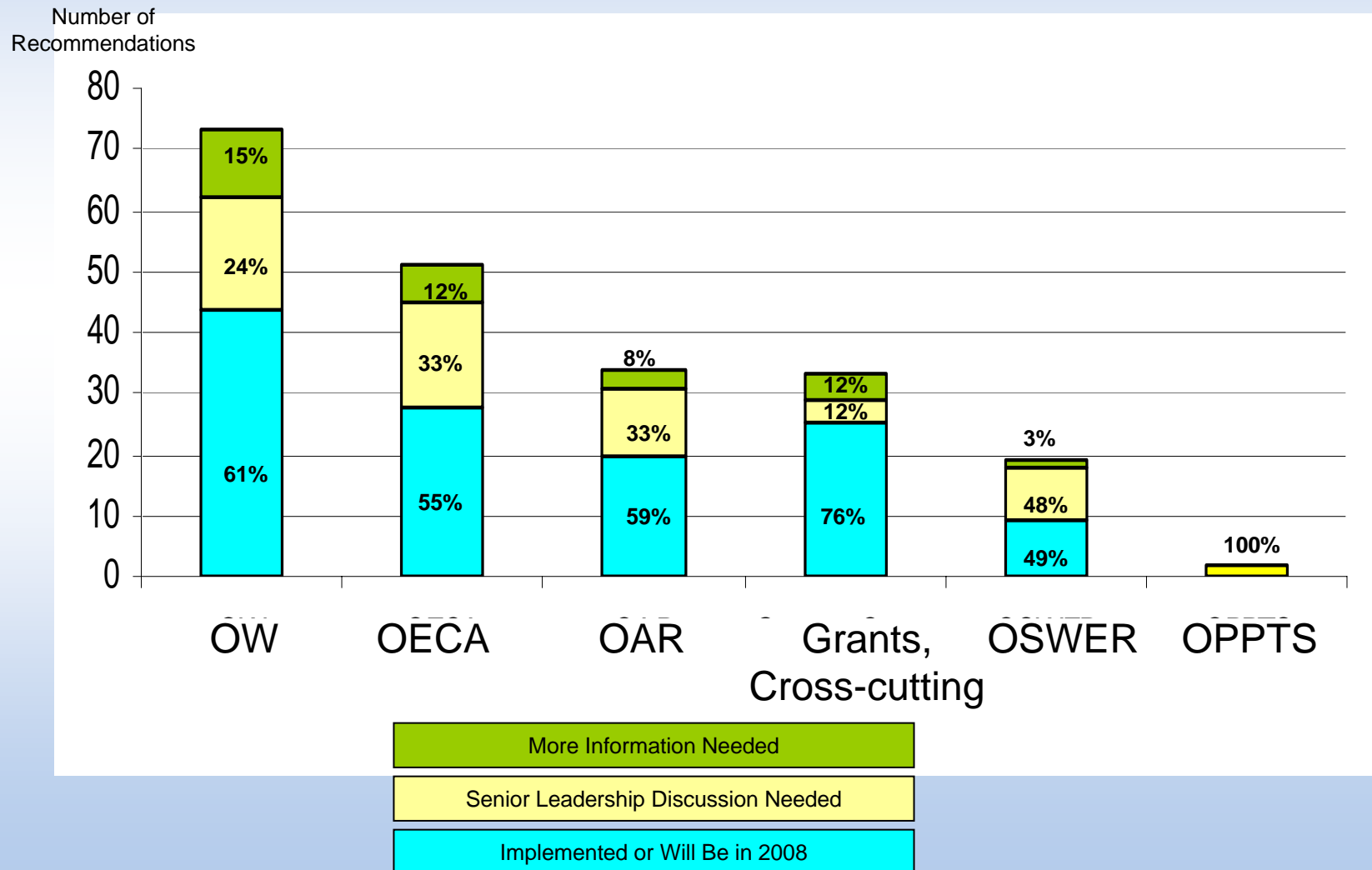


**Region-Specific (87)**



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# Implementation Status by Program



# ***State Grant Performance Measures Template***

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FY07 President's Budget – *“EPA will develop a standardized template for State grant agreements”*

## **Approach:**

- Collaborated with States
- Used a subset of existing measures; focused on outcomes
- Did not require restructuring of grant workplans
- EPA collects/manages data to reduce burden on States

# ***FY08 OMB Passback***

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- Continue to develop the measures and template
- Annual Commitment System must be expanded to function as a full grantee performance management system

## **Challenges**

- Measures may not reflect major activities funded by State grants
- Long time horizon for many environmental improvements
- Use of template for State-by-State comparisons and concern about potential budget ramifications



# ***Next Steps***

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- FY07 Performance Reporting
  - Expects results data to be available in Spring 2008 (to account for data lag issues)
- Continue FY07 approach in FY08
- For FY09, work with States to:
  - Align measures with grant performance
  - Achieve more uniform workplans
- With States, discuss strategy with OMB

# ***Improving the Timely Award of State Grants***

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- Longstanding priority for States
- Solution must work in both CR and non-CR years
- Approach
  - Map out entire process
  - Identify best practices for each step
  - Develop an overall performance measure to assess progress

# ***Proposed Performance Measure***

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- At least 50% of the States' funding awarded by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
  - 75% by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter; and
  - All by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- To make it work during a CR, EPA will:
  - Seek appropriations language to accelerate funds; and/or
  - Work with OMB to increase funds that can be apportioned in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

## ***Where I'd like EPA to be in Jan 2009***

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- Institutionalize reporting burden reduction into ongoing business practices
- Accurately document States' successes and challenges through state grant performance reporting
- Demonstrate consistency in the timely award of state grants